lakhs is reported, besides Rs. 4 crore worth of oil stock which is pending verification. Assets of over Rs. 11 crores has been seized.

(c) to (e) A number of factors combine to have an effect on the availability and prices of essential commodities. Surveys, searches and inspections are one amongst them. Other factors to improve the availability of essential commodities and to check their price rise are increase in their production, effective procurement and buffer stocking operations of foodgrians. strengthening of PDS and augmenting domestic supplies through imports (e.g edible oils) subject to overall constriants of availability of foreign exchange.

Crisis in the Sugar Industry

3649. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the worst crisis in the sugar industry in the country because of its deteriorating "financial health'[1] resulting in a loss of over Rs. 300 crores;

(b) if so, whether Government have made any exercise to know the causes of the crisis in the sugar industry; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof stating the remedial measures proposed to be taken by Government to rescue the sugar industry in the country ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) There does not appear *to* be any evidence of a financial crisis in the sugar industry.

(b) and (c) Does not arise. However, State Governments have been advised to increase the number of wholesale licensees both with a view to improving sugar avail ability to all regions as well as inducting greater competitiveness in the wholesale trade.

Shifting of Governments offices from Delhi

3650. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA ; Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the steady proliferation of Government offices, variety of institutions, Headquarters of various organisations, Governmental and otherwise making Delhi unmanageable both from civic and law and order angle, Government have, of late, made any evaluation of the situation and to take a policy decision with regard to the shifting of the offices/institutions etc. to other NCR satellite towns and other cities and also opening of new offices in the City; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) and (b) The need to avoid further congestion in Delhi has been recognised and for this purpose the Government have decided that no new office of the Central Government or Public Sector Undertakings and Statuory or Corporate Bodies owned or controlled by Central Government be set up in Delhi or brought from outside places to Delhi without obtaining express prior approval of Cabinet Committee on Accommodation. Besides, with a view to secure decongestion as far as possible, it has been decided to shift the Head Quarter offices of 27 Public Sector Undertakings and also some Central Govt. Offices outside Delhi as per details given in Statement I & II.

Statement—I

List of Public Sector Undertakings decided to be shifted out of Delhi.

1. National Seeds Corporation Ltd.
2. State Farms Corpns. of India Ltd.
3. Central Warehousing Corporation.
4. Food Corporation of India.
5. Hospital Services Consultancy Corporation of India Ltd.
6. Vayudoot.
7. Helicopter Corp. of India.
8. Airlines Allied Services Ltd.
9. National Airport Authority of India.
10. National Small Industries Corp. Ltd.
11. National Fertiliser Ltd.
12. Fertiliser Corp. of India.
13. Hindustan Fertiliser Corp. Ltd.